

Claim Amendments:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration comprising:

a tube having a first end and a second end designed to fit over and cover any shape and many sizes of a trash and/or recycle receptacle wherein said tube is constructed from a polymeric material which is impervious to water and odors;
and

~~having one end,~~ a first ~~resilient elastomeric~~ affixing loop disposed at the first end of said tube to attach the trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration affixed to secure the tube, ~~and which secures over the opening at a top of the trash and/or recycle receptacle and which defines an orifice for trash.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration of Claim 1 further comprising a second affixing ~~resilient~~ elastomeric loop to attach the ~~affixed to a second end of the tube, and which secures to the~~ a bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle.

Claims 3-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration of Claim 1 wherein said trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration is decorated with advertising.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration comprising:

a tube, having a first end and a second end, designed to fit over and cover ~~a~~any shape and many sizes ofa trash and/or recycle receptacle wherein said tube is constructed from a polymeric material which is impervious to water and odors;~~and~~

~~having a first end~~, a first affixing loop ~~means~~ for affixing the first end of the tube to an ~~the~~ opening at a top of the trash and/or recycle receptacle and which defines an orifice ~~for trash~~, said affixing loop ~~means~~ further creating an annular ledge which tends to keep trash within the receptacle; and

a second affixing loop ~~means~~ attached to the second end of the tube for securing the tube to a ~~the~~ bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The novel trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration of Claim 7 wherein said first and second means comprise a tie string.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration of Claim 7 wherein said first and second loops ~~means~~ comprise an elastomeric loop.

Claims 10-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration of Claim 7 wherein said trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration is decorated with advertising.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration comprising:

a decorated tube, having a first end and a second end, designed to fit over and cover any shape and many sizes of a trash and/or recycle receptacle wherein said tube is constructed from a polymeric material which is impervious to water and odors;

having ~~a first end~~, a first elastomeric loop for affixing the first end of the tube over the opening at a top of the trash and/or recycle receptacle and which defines an orifice for trash, said first elastomeric loop further creating an annular ledge which tends to keep trash within the receptacle; and

a second elastomeric loop attached to the second end of the tube for securing the tube to a ~~the~~ bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle.